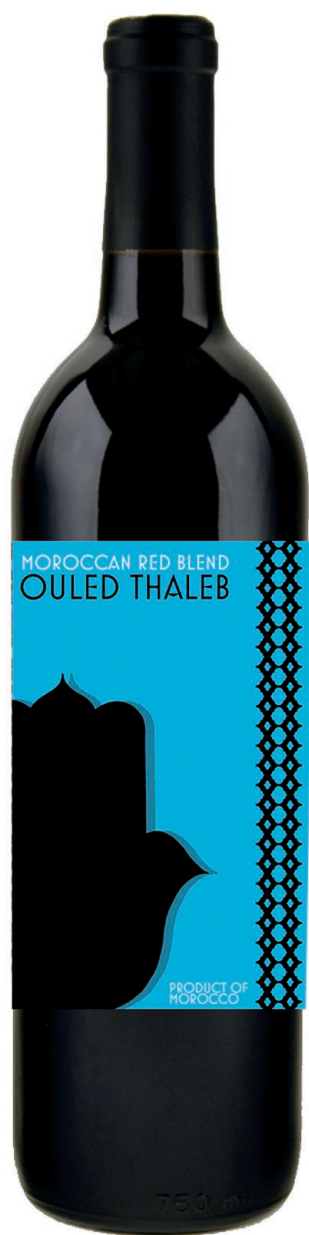




ZENATA, MOROCCO

Domaine des Ouled Thaleb dates back to 1923, when 3,000 hectares of vines were planted at Ben Slimane. The estate is smaller today: only 400 hectares of vines remain at the original site, but the winery can boast that it is the oldest still in use in the country. Located in the Zenata coastal appellations between Casablanca and Rabat, Ouled Thaleb led the renewal of the Moroccan wine industry in the 1990's. The mountainous property, ten miles northeast of Casablanca, benefits from cooling breezes off the Atlantic. The estate draws on two other vineyards inland, giving diversity of climates and soils for the wide range of varieties planted. Grapes are grown organically and harvested by hand (mostly by women). The wine industry in Morocco employs about 12,000 people. There is no use of herbicides or fungicides. Original cement tanks are in use and the thinking here is modern and market-driven.



OULED THALEB

Moroccan Red Blend 2011

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Grenache

Winemaking: Aged 10 months in French oak barrels.

Nose: Dark fruit, spices, black cherry and light/sweet vanilla.

Palate: Medium in body. Finishes firm and juicy.

Pairing: Braised meats, creamy cheeses, pizzas, anything chocolate.

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